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## October 1 Crop Forecast

Based on an October 1 survey of growers, the Alabama **COTTON** crop is forecast at 600,000 bales unchanged from last month's forecast but down 12 percent from last year. Cotton planted acres are estimated at 380,000 acres, 17 percent below last year. An estimated 377,000 acres are expected to be harvested, down 15 percent from 2011. Yield is forecast at 764 pounds per acre, up 22 pounds from last year.

Alabama revised **CORN** planted and harvested acreage to 300,000 and 270,000, respectively, up 10,000 acres each from one month ago. Corn production is forecast at 27.0 million bushels, down 5 percent from a year ago. Yield per acre remains at 100 bushels, down 14 bushels from 2011.

**SOYBEAN** production is expected to total 12.9 million bushels, up 32 percent from last year's production of 9.7 million bushels. Based on the October 1 conditions, yield is forecast at 39 bushels per acre, up 6 bushels from last year's 33 bushels per acre. Planted and harvested acres revised to 340,000 and 330,000, respectively.

This year's **PEANUT** crop is forecast at 709.5 million pounds, up 45 percent from a revised production of 489.7 million in 2011. An average yield of 3,300 pounds per acre, up 350 pounds from the September forecast, is expected from 215,000 harvested acres.

**UNITED STATES:** Soybean production is forecast at 2.86 billion bushels, up 9 percent from September but down 8 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 37.8 bushels per acre, up 2.5 bushels from last month but down 4.1 bushels from last year. Compared with last month, yield forecasts are higher or unchanged across all States. Area for harvest in the United States is forecast at 75.7 million acres, up 1 percent from September and up 3 percent from last year.

**CROP WEATHER:** The harvesting of crops has been hampered by scattered showers and cooler weather. Cotton defoliation and wheat seeding has been delayed as farmers wait for sunny weather according to John Dasher, Crop Statistician. The weekly crop progress and condition report topsoil moisture as 18 percent mostly short and 82 percent mostly adequate. Crop conditions excluding corn range 24 percent mostly fair and 76 percent mostly good.

### Acreage, Yield, and Production of Principal Crops, October 1

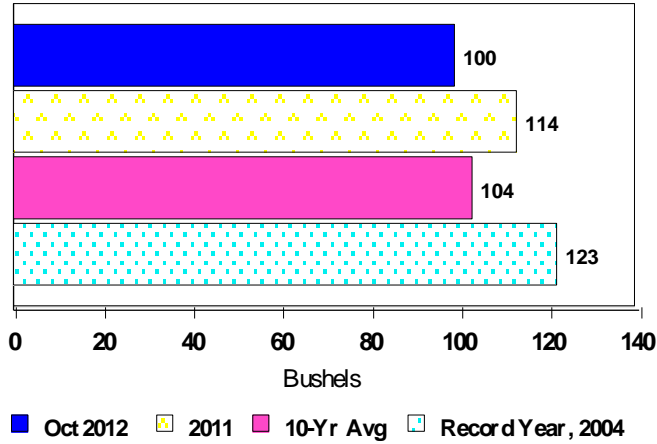
Crop	Unit	Acres Planted		Acres for Harvest		Yield per Acre		Production	
		2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
<b>ALABAMA</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	460	380	443	377	742	764	685.0	600.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	270	300	250	270	114.0	100.0	28,500	27,000
Hay, All Other	Ton	----	----	800	820	2.40	2.40	1,920	1,968
Soybeans	Bu.	300	340	295	330	33	39	9,735	12,870
Peanuts	Lb.	170	220	166	215	2,950	3,300	489,700	709,500
<b>UNITED STATES</b>		- Thousand -		- Thousand -		- Units -		- Thousand Units -	
Cotton 1/	Bales	14,735.4	12,360.0	9,460.9	10,443.4	790	795	15,573.2	17,287.0
Corn for grain	Bu.	91,921	96,946	83,981	87,721	147.2	122.0	12,358,412	10,705,739
Hay, All	Ton	----	----	55,633.0	57,574.0	2.36	2.12	131,144	121,974
Soybeans	Bu.	75,046.0	77,203.0	73,776	75,693	41.9	37.8	3,093,534	2,860,290
Peanuts	Lb.	1,140.6	1,636.0	1,080.6	1,594.0	3,386	3,832	3,658,590	6,108,150

1/ Yield per acre in pounds.

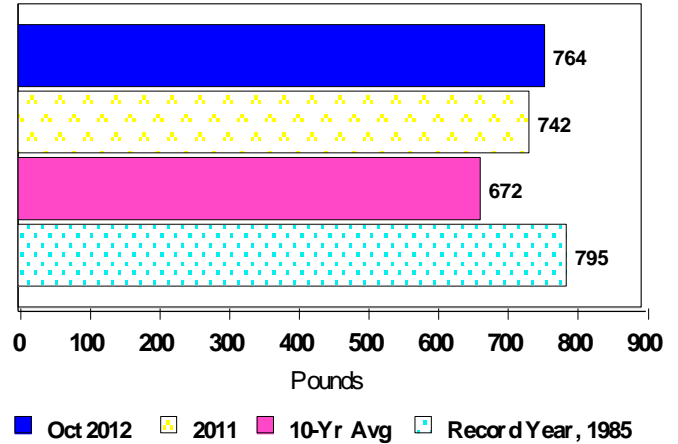
**Note:** Yield forecasts in this report are based on conditions around October 1 and do not reflect changes in condition since that time.

# Alabama Crop Yield Statistics

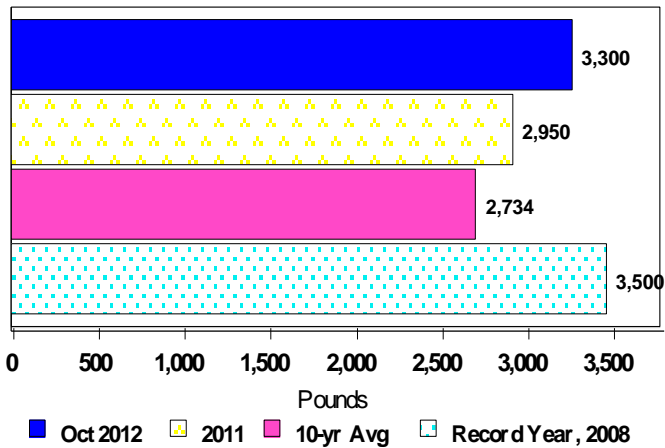
## Corn Yield



## Cotton Yield



## Peanut Yield



## Soybean Yield

